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SUBJECT: OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL WEST AFRICAN
DIALOGUE MISSION -- ITINERARY

REF: DAWKINS-SMITH TELECON

1. OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (ODC) HAS JUST PROVIDED
FOLLOWING DETAILS OF "WEST AFRICAN DIALOGUE" MISSION TO
SENEGAL AND MALI.

2. FOLLOWING IS ITINERARY:

MARCH 31 - APRIL 1 - ORIENTATION AT ODC

APRIL 30 - SATURDAY - DEPART NEW YORK 1800 - AIR AFRIQUE

MAY 1 - SUNDAY - ARRIVE DAKAR 0625 - NIGHT IN DAKAR

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MAY 2 - MONDAY - MORNING IN DAKAR; DEPART DAKAR 1300;
ARRIVE BAMAKO 1450; NIGHT IN BAMAKO

MAY 3-6 - MALI-ITINERARY TO BE DECIDED; FRIDAY NIGHT SHOULD
BE SPENT IN BAMAKO TO ENSURE DEPARTURE ON SATURDAY

MAY 7 - SATURDAY - MORNING AND EARLY AFTERNOON IN BAMAKO;

DEPART BAMAKO 1635; ARRIVE DAKAR 1830 - AIR AFRIQUE

MAY 8 - SUNDAY - REST IN DAKAR

MAY 9-14 - SENEGAL - ITINERARY TO BE DECIDED

MAY 15 - SUNDAY - DEPART DAKAR 0155; ARRIVE NEW YORK 0535-
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3. ODC REP SAID HIS ORGANIZATION HAD WRITTEN LETTERS TO PRESIDENTS OF SENEGAL AND MALI SEVERAL MONTHS AGO ABOUT VISIT, BUT THAT MISSION DID NOT INTEND TO REQUEST EMBASSIES IN DAKAR OR BAMAKO FOR ANY ASSISTANCE. OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL WEST AFRICAN DIALOGUE ADVANCE REPRESENTATIVE PROFESSOR SHELDON GELLAR OF UNIV INDIANA PLANS VISIT TO DAKAR AND BAMAKO TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS. HE MAY BE IN TOUCH WITH EMBASSIES.

4. FOLLOWING ARE SEVERAL DESCRIPTIVE PARAGRAPHS PROVIDED BY ODC WHICH MAY BE USEFUL TO POSTS:

A. THE OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, WITH SUPPORT FROM THE CHARLES F. KETTERING FOUNDATION, HAS UNDERTAKEN A PROJECT CALLED TRANSNATIONAL DIALOGUES, WHICH IS CONCERNED WITH THE POLITICAL, SOCIAL, AND ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF WORLD FOOD AND DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS.

B. ODC GOAL, IN BROAD TERMS, IS TO CONTRIBUTE TO BETTER UNDERSTANDING AMONG PRIVATE AND OFFICIAL LEADERS
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IN THE UNITED STATES AND IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF EACH OTHER'S PERSPECTIVES ON FOOD AND DEVELOPMENT ISSUES. WE HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH THIS BY BRINGING AMERICANS FROM DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS INTO DIRECT CONTACT WITH PEOPLE IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR NATION'S DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS. OUR PROJECT INCLUDES BOTH FIELD TRIPS AND CONSULTATIONS IN LATIN AMERICA, SOUTH ASIA, AND WEST AFRICA.

C. (TO WEST AFRICAN DIALOGUE PARTICIPANTS) FATHER THEODORE HESBURGH, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF THE OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, JOINS ME IN INVITING YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TASK FORCE OF ABOUT 18 PERSONS FOR OUR WEST AFRICAN DIALOGUE, SCHEDULED FOR 30 APRIL THROUGH 15 MAY, 1977. OUR SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE IS AN IMPROVED UNDERSTANDING OF THE ROLE THAT U.S. POLICIES CAN PLAY IN THE LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT OF THE SAHEL. THIS SEEMS PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE IN LIGHT OF PUBLICITY GIVEN TO THE FAMINE CAUSED BY THE DROUGHT IN THE SAHEL AND THE SUBSEQUENT

COMMITMENT MADE BY THE UNITED STATES TO HELP COORDINATE AND FINANCE LONG-TERM STRATEGIES OF MULTINATIONAL COOPERATION FOR THE REGION'S DEVELOPMENT. WE PLAN TO VISIT TWO COUNTRIES, MALI AND SENEGAL, SPENDING APPROXIMATELY SEVEN DAYS IN EACH. MOST OF THE TIME WILL BE SPENT IN RURAL AREAS BUT WE WILL SCHEDULE CONSULTATIONS WITH GOVERNMENT LEADERS AS WELL. THERE WILL BE A TWO-DAY ORIENTATION SESSION HELD AT THE ODC 31 MARCH-1 APRIL. YOUR PARTICIPATION IS ALSO REQUESTED IN TWO FOLLOW-UP SESSIONS, THE FIRST WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE AFRICAN TASK FORCE, THE SECOND WITH MEMBERS OF OUR OTHER TASK FORCES. ALL OF YOUR TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR THE ORIENTATION, DIALOGUE, AND FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS WILL BE PAID IN FULL BY THE ODC.

5. WEST AFRICAN DIALOGUE PARTICIPANTS (15-18) INCLUDE ODC, UNION, BUSINESS, FOUNDATION, STATE GOVERNMENT, AND CONGRESSIONAL STAFF REPRESENTATIVES, (INCLUDING MS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HERSCHELE CHALLENGER OF HOUSE IRC SUBCOMMITTEE ON AFRICA, MS. MARIANNE SPIEGEL OF SENATOR DICK CLARK'S OFFICE, AND LT. GOV. RICHARD CELESTE OF OHIO). WE DO NOT KNOW HOW MANY OF THOSE INVITED WILL ACTUALLY BE ON TRIP.

6. FYI: ODC REP TOLD AF/W THAT PRESIDENT SENGHOR HAD SENT BRIEF RESPONSE TO LETTER MENTIONED PARA 1 WELCOMING VISIT, BUT THAT NO RPT NO RESPONSE RECEIVED FROM PRESIDENT TRAORE. END FYI.

7. AF/W DIRECTOR SCHEDULED TO PARTICIPATE IN BRIEFINGS OF WEST AFRICAN DIALOGUE MEMBERS MARCH 31.
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